

1992. Dr. Roy served as Principal of Palisades High School in Bucks County, Springfield Township High School in Montgomery County, and Upper Moreland High School in Willow Grove. He also served as Assistant Superintendent of the School District of Springfield Township. In August 2010, Dr. Roy was appointed as Superintendent for Bethlehem Area School District, where he currently serves.

Dr. Roy has earned nationwide acclaim for his work as an educator. The National School Public Relations Association and the National School Library Journal recognized him for addressing diversity issues while at Springfield Township High School. He was named Multicultural Educator of the Year in 2004 by the Montgomery County Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Joseph Roy as he receives the Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year Award. He deserves praise for the excellent work he has done on behalf of Pennsylvania educators and students.

RECOGNIZING MR. PATRICK J. SOLANO AS THE COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL COLLEGE'S 2016 SCHOLARSHIP GALA SERVICE TO COMMUNITY HONOREE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mr. Patrick J. Solano as The Commonwealth Medical College's 2016 Scholarship Gala Service to Community Honoree. Each year the Commonwealth Medical College honors an outstanding individual or group for contributions to their community, and Mr. Solano's extensive record of public service exemplifies the meaning of this award.

After graduating from Pittston Township High School, Mr. Solano joined the Army Air Corps and took part in 23 combat missions. Stationed with the 8th U.S. Air Force Heavy Bombardment Group in England, his missions spanned several European nations and included action during the bombing of Berlin in 1944. His exceptional service earned him the Group Presidential Citation, the Air Force Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European Combat Theatre Medal with two Bronze Stars.

Being honored for service to his community reflects Mr. Solano's commitment to the advancement of Pennsylvania's people and resources, and his lifelong public service sets an example for future generations of selfless Pennsylvanians. After serving as a Pittston Township school director, he went on to later advise State Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, as well as two governors, Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker. His most important contributions came during his role as deputy secretary for Parks and Forests with the former Department of Environmental Resources and as the acting secretary when the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources was created in 1995. Mr. Solano's lifelong dedication to Pennsylvania's state parks and forests will forever be remembered, and in 2013, my district was proud to have Governor Tom Corbett recognize his service by naming the

environmental education facility at Frances Slocum State Park, located in Luzerne County, as "The Patrick J. Solano Environmental Education Center."

Mr. Speaker, as The Commonwealth Medical College's 2016 Scholarship Gala Service to Community Honoree, Mr. Patrick J. Solano has consistently set an example of excellence that will inspire our state's leaders for generations to come. I wish Mr. Solano, his wife of 62 years, Marie Nocito, their six daughters, eleven grandchildren, and one great grandchild, all the best in their future endeavors, and thank him for the innumerable contributions he has made to the state of Pennsylvania.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND
IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
"BOB" SANCHO

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month to join the community of El Barrio, The Village of Harlem, the City and State of New York, and the Nation in commemorating an outstanding public servant and community leader, Mr. Robert "Bob" Sancho. Through his many years of service, Robert has spent nearly half a century tirelessly advocating for his community and uplifting many citizens.

Over the course of his career, Bob Sancho has held many positions of great importance in the City of New York. As Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Community School District No. 4, he took the district from last place (32nd) in reading and math, to 13th among New York City School districts. This feat was achieved over a seven year period and was considered one of the most successful educational accomplishments in America.

Bob was born and raised in the South Bronx. He is a product of the New York City Public School system and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the Inter-American University in San German, Puerto Rico, specializing in Education and Political Science. As an undergraduate, Bob was awarded a Minority Urban Education Scholarship and completed a Teaching Fellowship in both Urban and Rural School Districts on the Island of Puerto Rico. He received a scholarship to the prestigious Graduate School of Urban Affairs at Hunter College where he completed his Masters of Science Degree.

During the 1960s, Bob assembled East Harlem residents to fight against Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr.'s attempts to shut down Metropolitan Hospital Center which was an essential medical institution in the community. Under Mr. Sancho's successful leadership, the hospital remained open and gained enough federal funding to sustain the medical center.

These bonds helped construct three new buildings and renovate the existing hospital buildings. In addition, his department has raised approximately \$15 million during the last several years for various hospital programs.

Even though Bob Sancho has had an extensive professional career, he also has a robust list of civic and cultural involvements outside

of his occupation. He was Assistant to Bronx Borough President Robert Adams, and has served on the Board of Trustees for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and the Community Service Society of New York, as an Advisor for the National Jazz Museum of Harlem, and as a Voting Member of the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Currently, Robert serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees for the Center of Educational Innovation/Public Education Association, the Icahn Charter Schools, and the Multicultural Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Bob Sancho's dedication and commitment to the many facets of community development makes him an incredible human being. The altruistic quality that Bob embraces is very hard to find in the world today. For his noble duty to empower the citizens of New York, I ask that my colleagues to join me as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15th through October 15th, 2016 in paying tribute to Mr. Robert "Bob" Sancho, an extraordinary man from humble beginnings. An American hero, Bob has devoted his life's work to improving the quality of life for the people of our beloved El Barrio and the Bronx, New York State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. During this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, in addition to paying tribute to my friend Robert "Bob" Sancho, and as a Korean War Veteran, as I conclude my 50 years of Public Service, including 46 years in the United States Congress, I also want to pay a very special salute to the Puerto Rican men and women men who answered the call to serve during WWII, our beloved the 65th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed "The Borinqueneers".

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ALAN
PERRY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. NUNES, and Mr. VALADAO to recognize Mr. Alan "Al" Perry for his dedication and commitment to the veterans of California's Central Valley. Since 2013, Mr. Perry has proudly served as the President of the Central Valley Honor Flight. As he embarks on his last trip to Washington, D.C., it is important that we recognize him for all his benevolent work and for ensuring that our Valley World War II and Korean War veterans are given the opportunity to take a final tour with honor.

Mr. Perry's dedication to working with veterans stems from his own background as a Vietnam Era veteran. He served as an officer in the Army Medical Service Corps from 1971 through 1973. Mr. Perry has also worked for numerous Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers and has held different leadership positions within the VA. In 1998, Mr. Perry was appointed director of the Central California VA